Online Targeting Information System (OTIS)
Fact Sheet for State and Government Agencies
http://www.epa.gov/idea/otis

What is OTIS?

! The Online Targeting Information System, or OTIS, is a set of web tools developed by OECA for use by federal, state, and local agencies.

! OTIS is designed to assist agencies in using information systems to analyze inspection, enforcement, and compliance data that has been entered into national systems.

Who can use OTIS?

! OTIS was designed with the non-technical user in mind. After a state registers once, no username or password is necessary and no knowledge of the underlying data systems is needed.

What is the history of OTIS?

! November 1999 – OTIS version 1.0 released to EPA on the Intranet; May 2000 - OTIS version 2.0 released.

! September 2000 – OTIS State version released on the Internet (one-time state agency-wide registration will be required).

Who is provided access to the OTIS state site?

! State environmental agencies, state attorney general offices, other state agencies, local governments that have EPA program delegation, and Federal government departments and agencies.

What is the source of the data?

! The data shown in OTIS is from national enforcement and compliance databases -- the Clean Air Act AIRS Facility Subsystem (AFS), the Clean Water Act Permit Compliance System (PCS), and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act System (RCRIS) as integrated by the Integrated Data for Enforcement Analysis (IDEA) system.

! Data shown in OTIS is updated monthly. OTIS also shows data from the Toxic Release Inventory and demographic data from the US Census.

What are the key features of OTIS?

! IDEA Web Queries for Air (data from AFS), Water (from PCS), and RCRA (from RCRIS)

! Get Compliance Report

! Significant NonCompliance (SNC)/High Priority Violator (HPV) Tracker

! EnviroMapper for Compliance Analysis (may not be immediately available)

How can an agency sign up for OTIS?

• Go to the Status page for the release of OTIS to the states at:

   http:/www.epa.gov/idea/otis

• If your agency has not registered, your "webmaster" can register by clicking on "Obtaining Government Access to OTIS" and following the directions provided in this link. The site also allows you to check whether your agency has already registered.

• 17 Agencies currently registered (as of 9/14): AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, IA(2), IN, LA, MI, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, TX and UT - plus 7 State AG Offices, 2 Federal facilities, and 3 Air Pollution Organizations

What are the future plans for OTIS?

• OTIS capabilities will be merged into OECA's modernization activities under the Integrated Information Initiative (I-3).

What will be added to OTIS next?

• Integration of Environmental Justice, Watershed/Water Quality, and Pollutant Release Screening choices.

• New tools include access to an IDEA Web Multimedia Interface, and an IDEA Statistics Interface (for quick viewing of measures for GPRA and RECAP).

• OTIS On-line Error Correction plus continuing updates/improvements to the current site.